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WASHINGTON (AP)-THE SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO USE TROOPS IF
NECESSARY TO MEET THE THREAT OF THE COMMUNIST MILITARY BUILDUP IN
CUBA.

REPUBLICAN SPOKESMEN SAID CONGRESS, BEFORE ADJOURNMENT, SHOULD PASS
A RESOLUTION TO GIVE BIPARTISAN BACKING AND AUTHORITY FOR KENNEDY TO
TAKE WHATEVER STEPS HE DEEMS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE USE OF ARMED
FORCES, TO PROTECT VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS.

SEN. DIRKSEN, SENATE GOP LEADER, SAID THE PARTY LEADERSHIP PROPOSED
A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO ONE CONGRESS ADOPTED IN 1953 WHEN IT AUTHORIZED
FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER "TO EMPLOY OUR OWN ARMED FORCES AS HE DEEMED
NECESSARY" TO PROTECT FORMOSA AND THE PESCADORES ISLANDS FROM THE CON-
NUNTING CHINESE THREAT.

DIRKSEN AND REP. HALECK OF INDIANA, HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER, SAID
THEY ARE DRAFTING LETTERS TO VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HOUSE SPEAKER
MCGLYNN OF MASSACHUSETTS RECOMMENDING THE PREPARATION OF SUCH A
RESOLUTION BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEES.

"THE COURSE OF ACTION BY THE CONGRESS WILL REFLECT DETERMINATION AND
CLEAR PURPOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD
THE FIRMNESS OF THIS NATION IN MEETING THIS PROBLEM," DIRKSEN SAID IN A
STATEMENT AFTER A MEETING OF THE TOP REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

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